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First Named Inventor	Braud et al.
Art Unit	9366
Examiner Name	Francois P. Vandervegt
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ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:2801 385.00 OP

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Sir:

This Reply is responsive to the final Office Action dated November 4, 2003 and is being submitted in conjunction with a Request for Continuing Examination pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and the appropriate petition for extension of time.

Please amend the application as follows: